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I've been thinking of **trains** off and on lately . . .

I got some sad news from Chile the other day about some of our national pastors. These things have happened just within the last couple of months. Pastor J.C. lost his hearing due to an illness, and no one knows if his hearing will return. Pastor F.E. and his wife were in a rollover accident, vehicle totaled, thankfully no serious injury. Pastor S.C. suffered a heart attack. Pastor G.Y. lost 80% of his hearing in his left ear due to Meniere's disease. The daughter of Pastor R.E. was assaulted and robbed by a knife-wielding thug, but thankfully she is safe. And Pastor T.O. and his wife were violently assaulted in front of their church by a gang of carjackers. He was severely beaten, truck and valuables taken. What does that have to do with **trains**?

It is reported that many of the deadly criminal acts taking place in Chile these days are connected to a violent gang, called the **Tren de Aragua** (Aragua **Train**), which was formed in the Tocarón prison in Venezuela. The Chilean government has accused the Venezuelan government of releasing those prisoners to immigrate to other countries in Latin America, and now to the United States, in an attempt to lower the crime rate in their own country. The gang is growing at an alarming rate. This is not a good **Train**! Please pray for those affected.

On a lighter note, each week since the beginning of June, I have been able to spend at least one day at Silver State Baptist Youth Camp. A couple of times I've been stopped by **trains** going through Sedalia and have had to hurry to get up Jarre Canyon before the main service. But what a blessing to hear the amazing preaching to young people gathering from all over the country! We are just over halfway through camp season, and already many have been saved or made important life decisions.

A few weeks ago, a young painter came to our house talk about a little job downstairs, and he was admiring a picture of a **train** in the Colorado mountains that I had taken down from our wall, so I gave it to him. Albert was very touched, gave me a great deal on the paint job, and I had an opportunity to talk to him a bit about his family and the Lord. Please pray for his salvation.

This month it has been a joy to join our pastor's wife and a young lady who has expressed interest in learning more about the Lord and His Word. These basic discipleship lessons taught by Mrs. M have been so good! We are never too old to learn and review. I was inspired to go back through many of the classes that Dave and I taught over the years to new Christians in Chile and to members interested in studying our course on Pedagogy, which means "the act of teaching". Every potential Sunday School teacher was required to complete that course to prepare them for instructing children in the Word of God. Today I was reviewing the lesson that gives the illustration of a **train** to explain the goal of seeing the students advance from where they are to where they should be in the Lord. The locomotive is the teacher; the power is the Holy Spirit; the cars are the students; the destination is God's plan revealed in His Word; the straight railway is to develop God's purposes in their lives, and the coupler between the cars is the love and understanding between the teachers and their students.

Friends, we must pray. We cannot tire of working in and through our local churches to teach, preach, witness to and encourage others, to keep the Lord's **train** going in such a way that will draw others to Him. God bless you!

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Thank you! I appreciate you!

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